

Basic Fee							\$	690.00
Total Claims	01	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	01	-	3	=	0	x	78	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$	690.00

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3. A check including the amount of \$690.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims ~~2-19~~ before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

— This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/073,857, filed May 7, 1998. —

7. New drawings are enclosed, forty (40) sheets, Figs. 1-45.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

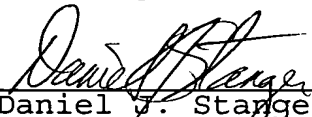
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 9-122323, filed May 13, 1997; and
No. 9-216737, filed August 11, 1997.

The certified priority documents have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/073,857.

The undersigned hereby declares and verifies that the enclosed application is a true copy of the latest signed prior application Serial No. 09/073,857, as originally filed on May 7, 1998, and no amendment referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter into the prior application.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.


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